

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Community Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

2:08 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair:** **CM Shanklin**
Vice Chair: **CM Henderson (Excused Absence)**
Members: **CM Benson**

Excused Absence: **CM Hawkins and CM Unseld**

Also Present: **CW Woolridge and CW Bryant Hamilton**

Chairman Shanklin began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was **not** established.

Special Items For Discussion – Bob French, Louisville Metro Housing Department – Explaining NSP Funding.

Discussion: Bob French, Louisville Metro Housing Department spoke to the item. The following was discussed.

- ❖ NSP Funding – Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funding
 - ✓ Began as a Federal response to abandoned houses across the country
 - ✓ In July Congress passed – Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008
 - The Bill appropriated \$4 Billion Dollars across the Country to address the problem of Foreclosed properties
 - The money is only for property that is in Foreclosure – properties that have already transferred or going through the process
- ❖ Louisville received an allocation of approximately \$7 Million Dollars
 - ✓ Louisville received from the State \$3.5 Million Dollars
 - ✓ Non- Profit – Housing Partnership received \$5 Million Dollars – Will be used in a Neighborhood separate from what the City has designated
 - ✓ It is required that all dollars allocated have to be committed within 18 Months
 - ✓ All checks have to be written in Four years
 - ✓ Have 18 Months from March 20th to get the dollars out
 - ✓ HUD – stated the money has to go to the community that is under the most Stress (Areas of the greatest need)
 - ✓ HUD – rated every census track in the country - rated from 1 – 10
 - ✓ Advisory Group organized – Mayor put them together in October – divided into Four groups – consist of 30 people
 - ✓ Mr. French people looked at areas 8, 9 and 10
 - ✓ Worked with City Metro Technology Beth Niblock and her people – Maps and Demographics
- ❖ Concerns and Questions
 - ✓ Concerns with the map and why it was changed from their selections
 - ✓ Concerns with the Public Hearing, Date and the choosing of the concentrated areas
 - ✓ CW Shanklin – had concerns with the concentrated areas and how they were selected
 - ✓ CW Woolridge – stated she had not been privy to the map and she had concerns regarding the areas that were selected – especially the area (Park DuValle off of Cane Run Road) which was selected with the red dots

- ✓ CW Woolridge asked for the information that was placed on the map
- ✓ CW Woolridge asked to have the map revised, she stated the decision for District 3 cannot be the final decision
- ✓ CW Bryant Hamilton – passed out a letter she received from (Portland Now, Inc.) and her concerns with the map (**attachment**)
- ✓ Mr. French stated the concentrated areas can be changed – the money has not been spent as of yet
- ✓ CW Woolridge wanted an allocation by District and Neighborhood – Bob French stated they did not have this information
- ✓ Mr. French stated he would provide the maps to the Committee regarding the concentrated areas selected.

Chairwoman Shanklin stated the Committee had run out of time but they may have to call Mr. French back at a later date.

Pending Legislation

R-55-04-09 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY, LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHUCK OLMSTEAD.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Community Affairs
Primary Sponsor: David Tandy

Motion to Approve made by Stuart Benson and seconded by Barbara Shanklin.

CW Woolridge read the Resolution Honoring the Memory, Life and Legacy of Chuck Olmstead.

CW Shanklin, CW Woolridge, CW Bryant Hamilton and CM Benson requested to become a Co-Sponsors of this Resolution.

This item was sent to **Old Business** due to a lack of a quorum.

R-24-02-09 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (LG&E) DEVELOP OTHER MEANS AND METHODS OF COMMUNICATION WITH METRO LOUISVILLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS POWER OUTAGES.

Status: In-Committee - Tabled
Committee: Community Affairs
Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

This item remained **Tabled**.

O-3-01-09 AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 39 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT.

Status: In-Committee- Tabled
Committee: Community Affairs
Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

This item remained **Tabled**.

Chairwoman Shanklin made a motion to Adjourn, without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the April 23, 2009 Council Meeting.**

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